

Kanine Korner

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There is an increasing popularity of large dogs. Big dogs are in definite demand but they present equally big problems, unless dog lovers are willing to meet a dog's needs for training and care.

Training a puppy of one of the large breeds should begin at a fairly early age. This doesn't mean overtaxing the puppy, or expecting too much. Basic training should be fun and gradual.

Barking and howling is common to puppies of all breeds when they first come into the house and miss the former companionship of their littermates. The noise may not annoy you, but it may bother your neighbors. It's quite simple to break

your dog of this habit by careful, patient training. Be understanding but firm in your admonishments. Correct the dog only when he barks continuously for no good reason. Hold his muzzle shut with one hand, and with the other fingertip your command, "quiet."

IF THIS doesn't work then startle him into silence by dropping a pan or tin near him, followed by the same command. You may have to repeat this several times but don't give up and always praise him when he obeys.

Keep your dog on a leash at all times when in populated areas. Many puppies of the large breed look full grown

and threatening to strangers, and not everyone will understand that your dog is just "playing" if he leaps toward them. Walking on leash provides a chance to train the dog to "heel," "sit," "stay" and "down." Never allow your dog to run loose, without supervision. Even if he doesn't become a neighborhood tramp, he will be less "your dog." Keep him at home where he'll be safe.

Never let your dog relieve himself on someone else's lawn. Train your dog to use an out of way place or one which can be hosed down every day. Proper training will make a good dog neighbor of your four-legged charge whether he be large or small. And that's for dog-gone sure!

HERE'S A BIT of good advice for any of my readers who might decide to breed dogs as a hobby. Don't get yourself a kennel and expensive equipment to start. Be certain you intend to continue

before making a large investment. Put your money into a couple of sound, well-bred females and keep them in the house with you. Know what you are doing before you commence the meticulous and time-consuming job of dog breeding.

Attend some of the all-breed and specialty breed dog shows. Speak to breeders or kennelmen who are authorities in your chosen breed. Most folks in dogs, professional and amateur alike, are only too pleased to help you with any of your questions or problems.

BARKS AND YAPS — Ladies only are being paged by Mercy Crusade, the astute humane group, for their forthcoming 12-week dog obedience course. Now, that beloved little bow-wow delinquent can be trained to be a canine lady or gentleman at a minimum cost. The all-womanly classes will be trained under the guiding hands of Ray Meserole and Karen

Wyatt. Mercy Crusade is a non-profit leader in animal-trianism.

Marie Antoinette was so fond of her frisky little Papillon that she carried him with her to the guillotine. . . . The Swedish State Police have trained their first air-borne police dog, which flies in a kennel attached to the side of a helicopter. How about that?

THIRSTY DOGS are catered to on New Jersey's Garden State Parkway where stainless steel pans for canines have been added to the regular drinking fountains.

Surprising as this might sound, slightly over 5,000 dogs are kept in the Empire State Bldg., in New York City. Special canine accommodations are provided on every floor of this immense building which, by the way, is kept spic and span by a team of 10 sanitary engineers.

BREED OF THE WEEK—Brussels Griffon: The Brussels Griffon's upturned, be-

whiskered little face gives him a monkeyish, almost human expression, Terrier-like in build, the Griffon is also gifted with the alert intelligence and high-spirited good humor, definitely terrier attributes. Typical specimens of this breed are characterized by a smart strutting carriage and short, thick-set bodies.

The Griffon is not of ancient lineage. The breed in his present form probably did not exist much before the 1880s. It took a combination of four older breeds to produce the

20th Century Brussels Griffon. There four breeds are the German Affenpinscher, the common street dog (known as the Stable Griffon), the Pug and the Toy Spaniel.

The Griffon's short, punched-in nose, large circular eyes and domed skull are most likely derived from the Pug and the Toy Spaniel.

The breed's cocky intelligence, hardiness and gameness make him one of the most attractive of the toy breeds of dog.

The Brussels Griffon tips the scales at about 8 pounds and in height 8 inches.

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